

**Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2009
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NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Greg Casker, Esther Goins, Lesa Shelton, Jeff Rodden, Thelma Wright

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Mary Boyd, Verna Hendrickson

Other Representatives in Attendance: Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate Senior, Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: Chairman Greg Casker called to order the May 20, 2009 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 3:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting and the special session minutes dated March 23rd, 2009 were approved.

Affiliation Vote – Children and Family Community Development: Shirley Purnell had made formal request at the March 23rd meeting that the LHRC approve the establishment of the Children and Family Community Development Program. Committee members had received information for review and asked Ms. Purnell questions at the March 23rd meeting clarifying certain areas of the proposal. Ms. Purnell will provide in-home services and policies and procedures are available for full review. The Human Rights Policies have been approved at the state level. Lesa Shelton made a motion to approve the acceptance of Children and Family Community Development; it was seconded by Esther Goins and approved by the committee. Ms. Purnell will be sent a letter stating the decision of approval.

Tentative Seclusion/Restraint Policy for SVMHI: Greg Casker will submit a letter to David Lyon, SVMHI Facility Director, noting LHRC concerns regarding the proposed seclusion/restraint policy. He will ask Mr. Lyon to respond prior to the June 16th meeting for all to review the drafted policy.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held at 3 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Danville-Pittsylvania CSB in the Betty Whitehead Room.

Executive Session: The Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a Fact Finding Hearing for a consumer of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The motion was made and passed that the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.1-3.44 .

Upon reconvening in public session, the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC unanimously certified that the best of each Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene in Executive Session were discussed in Executive Session.

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Adjournment:

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.